

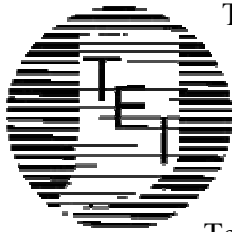


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VHS Technology Education Department Recognized



The Technology Education Department at Valparaiso High School has been awarded the High School Program of Excellence Award for 2005. The award is provided by the Technology Educators of Indiana as an affiliate of the International Technology Education Association. Honored high school programs demonstrate the highest of personal, program, and professional standards. In addition, these schools exemplify themselves as Model Technology Education Programs in the State of Indiana.

The department was an initial Indiana Technology Education Curriculum Implementation School in 1987. More recently the Technology Department worked as a Project Lead the Way Pre-Engineering Pilot School for the Civil Engineering and Architecture course. All five laboratories in the department are continually being equipped with state of the art equipment which allows the latest technology and engineering curriculum to be taught to the students of Valparaiso High School.

Teachers Gary Gray and Jim Genovese have been technology educators for 32 and 27 years respectively. Mr. Gray is a PLTW Master Teacher and Mr. Genovese is a Certified CISCO Systems Instructor. Both educators have received the Meritorious Teacher Award from the state association.



Mr. Genovese, Mr. Gray and Engineering/Technology students in Construction Lab